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Committee on Communications Intelligence (COMINT)

The USIB Committee on Communications Intelligence (COMINT Committee) was established shortly after the USIB was created (September 1958).

Pursuant to its charter and within its specialized sphere of responsibility, the COMINT Committee frequently submits reports, proposals, and recommendations to the Intelligence Board for consideration.

In collaboration with the Electronics Intelligence Committee, the COMINT Committee also prepares the Special Annex to the Annual USIB Report to the NSC on the Status of the Foreign Intelligence Program. This Annex contains an over-all summary report and evaluation of the activities of these Committees and the intelligence community in the COMINT/ELINT fields during the preceding fiscal year.

Committee on Critical Communications (CCC)

The Committee on Critical Communications (CCC) has functioned under USIB aegis since September 1958. It operated under IAC auspices prior to that date.

The CCC reports semi-annually to the Board, particularly with respect to development, testing, and operation of the CRITIC System. Generally, these reports also contain an assessment of the substance of CRITIC reporting as well as a summary of the Committee's over-all activities in its field. Additionally during the year, the CCC provides the members of USIB with advance information regarding the schedule of area-wide CRITIC tests. Occasionally, as in this calendar year, the Committee advises or briefs the Board on certain other matters pertaining to the handling of critical intelligence.

Committee on Documentation (CODIB)

The Committee on Documentation (CODIB) was established by the IAC in April 1958. It has functioned as a USIB Committee since September 1958.

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CODIB reports annually to the Board as required by its charter (DCID No. 1/4 (New Series). Such reports customarily include, inter alia, a general review of Committee activities for the year, a description and discussion of the principal problems of concern or interest in the documentation field, detailed departmental and agency reports on information handling developments within member agencies and a check-list of documents issued by the Committee during the reporting period. In addition, CODIB has been directed by USIB to submit certain other reports for review. * On an ad hoc basis, as necessary (usually several times a year), the CODIB, on its own initiative, also places other documentation policy matters before the Intelligence Board for consideration and resolution. **

Committee on Exchanges

An intelligence community Committee on Exchanges has existed since February 1956. Initially it was an ad hoc body. Since April 1959, however, it has been a "permanent" USIB standing committee.

The Committee regularly submits an annual report to the Board. These reports normally contain a summary of Committee activities, a brief description of trends and developments bearing on the conduct (and possibly the outlook) of the US-USSR exchange program, and an intelligence assessment of each exchange based on a review of evaluations prepared by appropriate specialists in the intelligence community. The Committee also brings special problems to the Board for guidance and resolution, usually once or twice a year.

Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications (CEFLP)

This Committee had its genesis as a sub-committee of the IAC Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications which was established in March 1953. The IAC elevated it to "full" Committee status in May 1958, and it has functioned under USIB since September of that year.

The Committee reports annually to the Board on its activities, noting its periodic reviews of foreign language publication exploitation programs, both governmental and non-governmental, its coordination of translation and related services, and its plans and prospects for the ensuing year. The Committee

*For example, see USIB-M-115, item 5.

**See, for example, USIB-D-39. 5/3, 14 June 1960 and USIB-D-39. 5/2, 10 Nov. 59.

seldom brings other matters before the Board.

Committee on International Communism (CC)

The Committee on International Communism grew out of a Provisional Committee on International Communism, which was established by the IAC in August 1955. From 1958 to early 1960 (under both IAC and USIB) it operated as the Committee on Intelligence Priorities and Requirements Relating to International Communism (CIPRIC).

This Committee does not report to the Board periodically. However, as directed by USIB (USIB-M-100, item 7, 24 May 1960), this Committee has recently completed a report on the implementation of Priority National Intelligence Objectives (PNIOs) in its field which will probably be placed on the agenda of an Intelligence Board meeting in late December of this year.

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR)

The Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR) was established in August 1960, at which time the Satellite Intelligence Requirements Committee (SIRC) and the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee (ARC) were abolished.

This Committee frequently placed matters before the Board for consideration, both in regular and executive session.

Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications (PROCIB)

Having served initially as a sub-committee of the IAC Committee on Foreign Language Publications which was established in 1953, PROCIB became a "full" IAC committee in May 1958 and a USIB committee in September 1958 upon dissolution of the IAC.

PROCIB reports to the USIB on an annual basis, including in its submission a general review of its activities as well as a summary of major developments, problems, and objectives in its area of responsibility. PROCIB has not had occasion thus far to make other reports or proposals to the Intelligence Board.

Cost Estimates Committee (CEC)

The Cost Estimates Committee (CEC) was formally established by USIB in June 1959*. It submitted its first report, "Estimated Foreign Intelligence Costs for Fiscal Year 1959" to USIB in June 1960, and pursuant to USIB-D-53.1/5, 8 November 1960, approved by the Board on 15 November is presently engaged in the preparation of a similar report for Fiscal Year 1960. In connection with these reports the Committee has also been concerned with the development of uniform cost criteria.

Critical Collection Problems Committee (CCPC)

The Critical Collection Problems Committee (CCPC) was formally established under joint IAC-USCIB auspices in February 1958. It has functioned since that time without interruption.

This Committee and its subordinate Task Forces have reported and made proposals to USIB quite frequently concerning a wide range of critical and sensitive collection problems and operations in the guided missile field.

Domestic Exploitation Committee

The present USIB Domestic Exploitation Committee is essentially the successor to a similar Ad Hoc Committee established early in IAC days. Its current "charter" is contained in DCID No. 2/3 (New Series), paragraph 6.

This Committee does not report to the Board on a periodic basis. Presently, however, as instructed by the Board, it is engaged in revising a draft DCID regarding intelligence exploitation of U. S. government officials. Additionally, it is checking NSCID No. 2 and DCID No. 2/3 to determine whether modifications of those Directives appear necessary in the light of developments since they were last issued.

Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC)

The EIC was established by the IAC in May 1951. It presently operates under authority of DCID No. 3/1 (New Series) 26 June 1959.

*See USIB-M-45, Item 7, 23 June 1959. An Ad Hoc Working Group on Intelligence Costs, established by IAC, had functioned prior to that time.

An extensive report on EIC activities is submitted to USIB annually. In addition, intelligence studies produced by the EIC and its sub-committees, though not placed before the Intelligence Board for consideration, are widely distributed to USIB agencies. These include, for example, semi-annual and biweekly reports on "Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas" as well as a wide variety of other economic intelligence papers. *

Electronics Intelligence Committee (ELINT)

USIB formally established its Electronics Intelligence Committee (ELINT Committee) in October 1958. This Committee had functioned under USCIB prior to that time.

ELINT Committee proposals or reports are frequently placed on the agenda of USIB meetings for review and discussion. In addition, the Committee also collaborates with various other USIB committees, such as the COMINT Committee and the Scientific Intelligence Committee (SIC), in submitting joint reports and studies pertinent to the ELINT field. Moreover, an annual summary of ELINT activities is contained in the USIB Annual Report to the NSC.

Emergency Planning Steering Committee (EPSC)

The Emergency Planning Steering Committee was formally established in September 1960. It succeeded an informal steering group which was formed by USIB in September 1959.

The Committee submitted a comprehensive report on USIB emergency planning in September 1960 (USIB-D-7.1/8, 21 March) and has been directed by the Board to submit further reports in 1961 (USIB-M-116, 13 September 1960, item 17).

Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC)

The Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) superseded the Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC) in February 1959. GMIC had functioned in this field since January 1956, first under the IAC, thence under the USIB.

*See EIC Annual Report to USIB for Fiscal Year 1960 (USIB-D-44.6/2, 18 October 1960).

In carrying out its responsibilities, the GMAIC reports frequently to USIB. Over the course of the past year, for example, GMAIC has prepared and submitted for USIB consideration a wide variety of finished intelligence studies on special subjects of common concern, including studies on Soviet missile and space activities in the Central Pacific, a study regarding Space Surveillance, and through its Working Groups, studies on the deployment and production of Soviet long-range ballistic missiles, a study on anti-missile missile (AMM) activities, as well as other special problem studies in coordination with other USIB committees and groups. These submissions were in addition to GMAIC contributions to NIEs and SNIEs, recommendations regarding certain reporting procedures, and proposals concerning the release of information and materials to foreign governments. The GMAIC also kept the Intelligence Board informed of both its formal and informal activities, through the medium of its annual report, other memoranda, and oral briefings.

Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee (IPC)

The Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee (IPC) began its activities in July 1951; USIB formalized its charter (DCID No. 5/5 (New Series)) in February 1959. During the time it has operated under USIB, the IPC has not submitted any periodic reports to the Board for consideration although it has furnished contributions to the Annual Report to the NSC.

Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC)

The JAEIC (successor to the Joint Committee on Nuclear Energy Intelligence (JNEIC), established in 1947) was subordinated to the SIC when that Committee was formed in 1949. In August 1952, JAEIC was constituted by the IAC as a

"permanent" interdepartmental intelligence committee. It now functions under authority of DCID No. 3/3 (New Series), 27 January 1959.

JAEIC does not submit periodic reports to USIB. However, it provides extensive support to USIB both directly and indirectly. On frequent occasions JAEIC submits recommendations, substantive reports and studies, and other papers to the Board for review and consideration. It also contributes to NIEs and other national and interdepartmental intelligence produced in the community each year and briefs the USIB on important developments in its field.

National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Committee

The National Intelligence Survey Committee was established in 1948. Except for its contribution to the Annual Report to the NSC on the Status of the Foreign Intelligence Program, this Committee does not report to USIB on a periodic basis. Several times in each recent year, however, the Committee has brought policy problems to the Board for resolution.

Scientific Intelligence Committee (SIC)

A Scientific Intelligence Committee (SIC) was established in 1949. During the period 1952-1959, however, it operated as the Scientific Estimates Committee (SEC). The present SIC was authorized in February 1959 (DCID No. 3/5 (New Series)).

In its annual report to USIB, the SIC usually assesses community progress in the scientific and technical field, describes its contributions to NIEs and coordination of certain NIS production, notes its preparation or participation in other interdepartmental intelligence reports and studies, and summarizes its other major activities, including those conducted pursuant to Intelligence Board instructions. * These latter activities frequently necessitate formal USIB approval or other action. **

Security Committee

The USIB Security Committee was established in March 1959.

During the first year and a half of its operation, this Committee has been extremely active in supporting the Board, particularly with respect to (a)

*For example, see Second Annual SIC Progress Report (USIB-D-34. 3/3, 22 August 1960).

**Ibid., page 5.

the development in draft of the Presidential Directive on Disclosures of Classified Intelligence and agreed guidance for the implementation of this directive, (b) the conduct of inquiries into possible unauthorized disclosures and the submission of recommendations to USIB in regard thereto, and (c) the preparation of a factual study on "Personnel Security Procedures--Classified Foreign Intelligence". These and other activities have required the Committee to report frequently to the Intelligence Board. *

Space Surveillance Intelligence Support Committee (SSISC)

This Committee was established by USIB in March 1959. A progress report on its activities was submitted to the Board in October 1959.

The SSISC has not forwarded a formal activity report to USIB since that time. In February 1960, however, it reported informally to the Board on the detection of a then "unknown" (but subsequently identified) satellite circling the earth.

Watch Committee

A prototype experimental Watch Committee existed under CIA chairmanship in 1949 and 1950 until the G-2 Joint Intelligence Indications Committee was designated the IAC Watch Committee in December 1950. This group operated first under authority of IAC-M-12, 28 December 1950 then under DCID No. 1/2, 11 May 1954. It has functioned since November 1958 under DCID No. 1/5 (New Series).

This Committee reports weekly to the Board regarding its conclusions on indications of hostilities. It also submits special reports to the Board on sensitive situations which may be developing in the world.

Ad Hoc Warning Systems Survey Committee (WSSC)

This Committee was created by the IAC on 14 May 1957. Since that time it has been engaged in a comprehensive Warning Systems Survey Report which when completed will indicate the intelligence community's collective ability to provide intelligence warning of hostile enemy intentions. The first elements of this Report were forwarded to USIB on April 1960. The remaining elements are expected to be placed before the Intelligence Board in early 1961.

*For first annual report of this Committee, see USIB-D-9. 5/1, 16 May 1960.

Ad Hoc Committee on the Berlin Situation

Following its establishment in March 1959 and until it was recessed by the Board on 11 August 1959, this Committee submitted periodic reports to USIB, generally on a weekly basis. On 11 October 1960 the Committee was reconstituted and has since that time prepared monthly reports, as directed by the Board.

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Arab-Israeli Situation

This Working Group has operated since March 1956. It now submits a detailed report to USIB, about twice a year, but it may report whenever warranted by developments.

Ad Hoc Committee on Foreign Intelligence Publications

This group was formed in January 1960 (USIB-M-75, item 7). During this year it has prepared and submitted three extensive reports to USIB. These reports were approved by USIB and forwarded to the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities.

Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Proposals re Personnel Security

This Committee, having just been established by USIB (27 September 1960), has not as yet submitted a report to the Board.

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Cuban Situation

This Committee was formed by USIB on 1 November 1960. Its first report was submitted to the Board on 22 November. The Board agreed at that time that the Committee need not produce reports at precise intervals, rather it should produce them either when warranted by developments or at the request of a Board member.

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